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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Operational Planning and Progress of Project [REDACTED]

1. At 5:00 this afternoon the following attended a meeting on Project [REDACTED] Messrs. Karamessines, Broe, [REDACTED]

2. The following items were discussed:

a. Mr. Broe read the cable from COS/Santiago discussing the possibilities of a military coup during the period 18 and 19 September (SANTIAGO [REDACTED]).

b. We have received a response from COS/Santiago and Ambassador Korry authorizing us to exploit in any way possible the cable we received describing how the PCCh was systematically trying to gain control of mass media communications in Chile (SANTIAGO [REDACTED]).

c. The Ambassador talked to the head of the [REDACTED] taking care of a problem he had earlier posed for Washington solution (SANTIAGO [REDACTED]).

d. [REDACTED] contacted the [REDACTED] this morning who agreed to send a cable through his channels to [REDACTED] asking for his support in determining the vulnerabilities of the Chilean economy. A reply was expected by 1900 hours 21 September.

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e. Mr. Karamessines was given a summary of the cable from Santiago on PCCh attacks against the media for the Director's use. He was told that a book message was being prepared [redacted] directing [redacted] to exploit this same information. Mr. Karamessines was also told that we would get in touch with [redacted] by cable on this subject.

f. The Director wants a message sent to Chief of Station, Santiago telling him that he is on the right track and to keep up the good work. (done)

g. A paper is to be prepared for the Director on 18 September asking him to contact [redacted] to get general support in connection with the Chile problem and his specific help in getting the [redacted]

[redacted] to expose the PCCh efforts to control the media in Chile.

h. Mr. Karamessines was told that [redacted] and [redacted] have been brought together on the economic aspects of the problem.

i. Mr. Broe called Mr. Meyer of the Department of State with regard to action they planned to take on the Ambassador's cable. Mr. Meyer said they would try to follow through on the Ambassador's request regarding the Voice of America (VOA) but would not go to the [redacted]. The Department did not want any government to know the U.S. was trying to influence the situation.

j. It was agreed that [redacted] would travel to [redacted] on 18 September to brief [redacted] then would contact [redacted] to get his support to keep [redacted] of Chile in the fight.

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k. [REDACTED] pointed out he had run into a bureaucratic problem in connection with getting the cable released authorizing [REDACTED] for Project [REDACTED]. Mr. Karamessines asked [REDACTED] to take the cable directly to [REDACTED].

l. It was agreed that in the debriefing of [REDACTED] both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would attend.

m. Mr. Karamessines requested that we have ready by 1000-1030 on 18 September a talking paper that the Director would use when he sees Mr. Kissinger. The paper should give an outline of those measures we were planning to take in connection with Project [REDACTED].

/s/ [REDACTED]

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